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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, Office of Security

SUBJECT : Assignment of to the Office of Special Projects, OD/SAT

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1. As you may be aware, the Agency has established the Office of Special Projects within the Directorate of Science and Technology. This Office is charged primarily with carrying out the Agency's responsibilities for the development and operation of reconnaissance satellites in behalf of the National Reconnaissance Program.
2. During the recent past, the Agency's satellite efforts were assigned to the Special Projects Staff within my immediate Office. We had delayed in giving Office recognition to our satellite efforts until it was clear that role the Agency was to play under the new Agreement. Now that we have visibility into the Agency's mission and responsibilities for satellites, it is fitting and necessary that we posture ourselves to manage these efforts.
3. Heretofore, because of the uncertainty of our satellite role, we had permitted an expedient measure to exist, whereby the Special Projects Staff itself had no administrative or supporting units, but had to rely upon other Offices within the OD/SAT for every form of administrative service. The burden of this support was carried by OSA which was equipped ably to perform such an interim task. Now that the Agency has received a firm definition of its satellite charter, we have established OCP and provided it with that we now feel is an adequate Table of Organization to carry out its responsibilities as a somewhat independent unit. In order to permit an orderly mechanism of management, it is necessary that the Director of the Office of Special Projects have direct command and control over these

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supporting activities which form an integral part of his project management. Specifically, this centers foremost in the contractual and security support of each project. I have, therefore, taken measures to transfer appropriate personnel from GSA to OGP, but in so doing have been mindful not to strip GSA of the senior security personnel involved in our most important aircraft operations. By the same token, I feel that the demands of our satellite programs are sufficiently urgent and critical to warrant the supervision of a senior security officer. With many of our satellite activities beginning a developmental phase, there will be the added burden to our on-going COMSAS operation to clear, monitor, and conduct security programs for each of our projects throughout a series of contractors.

4. I, therefore, request that a senior security officer with a depth of experience in industrial as well as overseas operation be assigned to OGP to head up our satellite security efforts. I can think of no one more eminently qualified for this position than [redacted] who is nearing completion of his assignment to GSA and is about to be transferred to the main Office of Security. [redacted] is no stranger to our satellite activities and is extremely well-versed in our main [redacted] program. I submit that the advantages of [redacted] heading up our OGP Security activity are tangible and well recognized by you. I appreciate that my request may cause some perturbation in the planning of the Office of Security not only for [redacted] himself, but in the assignment which he had been earmarked to fill. I do feel, however, that the magnitude of our satellite reconnaissance efforts will justify such a perturbation. OGP has yet to receive the Office of Personnel's approval of its proposed grade structure; I am confident, however, that the importance of our security program as well as the challenge which

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It offers will provide [redacted] with ample opportunity
for career development and advancement.

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3. It is requested that you look favorably upon this
same request and assign [redacted] to the Office of
Special Projects, IS/S&T.

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for
Science and Technology

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